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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 26-Feb-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 02/26/00	Previous Week 02/19/00
Bro-Fry	159,182	155,286
Lt Hens	1,965	2,090
Hvy Hens	1,394	1,440

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 19-Feb- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	599	0	599
Last Week	633	22	655
Same Wk Yr Ago	434	0	434
To Date 2000	4,038	27	4,065
To Date 1999	3,481	51	3,532

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,585	1,335	3,920
Last Week	2,609	1,384	3,993
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,489	1,299	3,788
To Date 2000	18,267	9,328	27,595
To Date 1999	19,036	9,280	28,316

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 19-Feb-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,193 (A)	1,986	1,335	3,321
Avg Wt	5.10	3.38	7.77	5.14
Last Week	156,048	1,976	1,362	3,338
Same Week Yr Ago	147,619	2,055	1,299	3,354
Avg Wt	4.90	3.33	7.87	5.09
To-Date/2000	1,076,285	14,229	9,301	23,530
To-Date/1999	1,054,486	15,555	9,229	24,784

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 4.6 million head less than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending February 12, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	40,315	28,901	39,719
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.19
% Of Total /1	37%	27%	36%
Comparisons			
Last Week	35,911	28,783	43,210
Avg Weight	3.82	4.79	6.15
% Of Total /1	33%	27%	40%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	34,643	34,234	41,757
Avg Weight	3.84	4.82	6.08
% Of Total /1	31%	31%	38%

To Date/2000	197,071	178,945	246,307
To Date/1999	200,792	191,072	259,236

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 12-Feb-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	3,866	0	13	3,879
Avg Wt	27.43	0.00	28.77	27.43
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,163	12	39	4,214
Same Week Yr Ago	4,692	31	33	4,756
Avg Wt	25.63	27.03	28.58	25.66
To-Date/2000	26,383	32	244	26,744
To-Date/1999	27,393	107	170	27,670

(B) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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